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## **Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Releases Voter Registration Figures for the June 6, 2006 Gubernatorial Primary Election**

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today released the Report of Registration detailing how the 15,810,412 registered voters in California have chosen to identify themselves politically 154 days before the June 6, 2006 Gubernatorial Primary Election.

Based upon the 154-day registration totals, the Peace and Freedom Party dropped below the required percentage of registered voters and is no longer a qualified party. That leaves six qualified parties eligible to nominate candidates in the upcoming primary.

Registration totals for the six qualified political parties, as well as those who have "Declined to State" a political party affiliation, as of the January 3, 2006 registration deadline are as follows:

Democratic	6,747,602	42.68%
Republican	5,483,104	34.68%
American Independent	310,987	1.97%
Green	145,786	.92%
Libertarian	83,465	.53%
Natural Law	23,645	.15%
Declined to State	2,874,236	18.18%

For a political party to maintain its qualified status and participate in the June 6, 2006 Gubernatorial Primary Election, a party must have 77,389 registered voters, which is one percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 general election or, alternatively, have had one candidate receive two percent of the total votes cast in the 2002 General Election and maintain one fifteenth of one percent of the votes cast. The Peace and Freedom Party was not qualified and did not field candidates in the 2002 election.

The detailed report can be found online at [http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_u.htm](http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_u.htm). For hard copies of the January 3, 2006 Report of Registration, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.